REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 7 remain pending in the application. Claims 2, 5-6 and 8-20 are cancelled.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Liaguno et al. (U.S. 5,729,741). In response, claim 1 has been rewritten to include all limitations of claim 8 and allowable claim 10 to clarify the claimed invention. Furthermore, since claim 8 is cancelled, the rejection made to claim 8 is moot. Since claims 3, 4 and 7 are dependent from claim 1, these claims are allowable over <u>Liaguno et al</u>. Claim 8 is canceled by this Amendment. Therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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